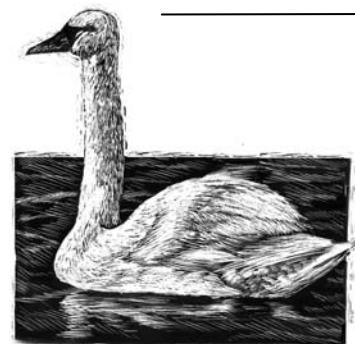




YOU Are Invited
5th Annual RIVERS & BLUFFS
FALL BIRDING FESTIVAL
November 10, 11 & 12, 2006



Peak Season for Close-up Views of Thousands of Elegant Tundra Swans
Several Hundred Thousand Colorful Ducks and Geese, Numerous Bald Eagles and Hawks
Search for Golden Eagles + Other Interesting & Unusual Species
Explore Mother Nature's Best Kept Secret - the Rivers & Bluffs Where WI, MN and IA Meet

Festival Headquarters: KEE High School, 569 Center Street, Lansing, Iowa
35 miles downriver from La Crosse, WI; 30 miles upriver from Prairie du Chien, WI
Or, 35 miles east of Decorah, IA and 35 miles west of Viroqua, WI

“Identifying, Enjoying and Understanding All Birds Around Us”

Highlights:

- Half-Day Field Trips Sat. and Sun., to each of 3 states, led by bird guides/naturalists
- Half-Day Boat Excursions on Sat. & Sun. aboard Mississippi Explorer Cruises
- Expert Naturalists with Live-Birds and other Programs Fri. Evening, Sat. AM and Sun. PM
- Door-Prizes, Gift Certificates, plus various Vendors throughout Festival
- Special Homemade Sourdough Pancake Breakfast - Saturday and Sunday Mornings
- Bring friends along - Enjoy fine local Restaurants and Pubs
- Great Live Music Sat. night w/ Live Auction at Ghelf's Mississippi Sports, De Soto, WI
- Both Silent and Live Auctions will Aid Bird Conservation Projects

SPONSORED BY “FRIENDS OF POOL 9” With help from many Local and Distant Co-Sponsors

Any Income Above Expenses the “Friends of Pool 9” will use to Improve Wildlife Habitat and Visitor Amenities

PRE-REGISTER and SAVE:

Adults \$10; Age 17-7 \$2; Age 6 or younger Free! (Does NOT include boat trips)
Make checks payable to: Friends of Pool 9, on memo line state: “for 2006 Birding Festival,”
List names of all attendees. Mail all to: Friends of Pool 9, P.O. Box 455, Lansing, Iowa 52151

Registration at the Door:

Adults \$15; Age 17-7 \$2; Age 6 or less Free! (Does NOT include boat trips)

Everyone **MUST** be Registered for the Birding Festival in order to go on Boat Trips this weekend.
Contact Captain Jack at: www.MississippiExplorer.com or at (563) 586-4444

For latest updates visit www.lansingiowa.com/birdfest2006.html, or email: Ric.Zarwell@mchsi.com

Agenda: 5th Annual Rivers & Bluffs Fall Birding Festival, Nov. 10-12, 2006

Friday Nov. 10th – Special Kick-Off Evening

- 5 PM** Doors Open – Register for Festival and Boat Tours – Kee High School, 569 Center Street, Lansing, IA
- 6:30** **Live Owl Program – Big Owls Hoot and Little Owls Toot. Bring your sense of wonder and awe!**
– Mike Havlik, Head Naturalist, Greater Des Moines YMCA Camp, one of our most popular presenters ever
- 7:15** Social time: Door Prizes, Beverages, Snacks, Silent Auction, Q and A about Weekend Schedule

Saturday – Nov. 11th – Fun & Learning With Good Communicators: Talks, Field Trips, Evening Music & Auction

- 7 AM** Special Early Bird Breakfast – Homemade Sourdough Pancakes, etc. United Methodist Church, 490 Center St.
- 8:00** Registration continues – Kee High School, 569 Center St., Lansing, IA – Door Prizes
Enjoy displays, visit vendors, sign-up for boat trips, prepare for activities with friends
- 9:00** **One of the World's Largest Bald Eagle Roost Sites – found on the Mississippi River!**
– Kelly McKay, Co-Director of new Mississippi River Birds & Biodiversity Observatory, 25+ years in research
- 9:45** Break + Silent Auction + Visit Vendors + Snacks + Door Prizes
- 10:00** **Birding 101: More Fun – More Birds (Bring your binoculars to this presentation!)**
– Kim Risen, Professional Bird Guide for 23 years, leads adventures to exotic spots, publishes NatureScape News
- 10:45** Free Time. Visit Vendors. Shop at Businesses that Support the Festival!! Enjoy our Fine Restaurants. Visit Mt. Hosmer
Tour **Museum of River History** – located between river and railroad tracks, just downstream from foot of Main Street
Tour **Big River Forge** – 1 block west of Museum next to Baseball Diamond (80 South Second St.)
- 1:00** **Field Trips** Vehicles will caravan and be led by top birders who help visitors enjoy wildlife in each of 3 states
Two 2-hour Excursion Boat Cruises Everyone must be registered for the festival to reserve space for a boat trip. Boat reservations are first come-first served. Excursion boats are large: 64 passengers. Top birders will help visitors.
Non-birders in your family? Shop at Festival Headquarters, or downtown Lansing. Enjoy our scenic area.
Dinner – Experience Lansing's Fine Restaurants and Pubs – Enjoy Camaraderie with New Birding Friends
- 7:00** **LIVE MUSIC** by a Very Popular Local Band, **Chuck & the Fabulous Beeftones**. With **LIVE AUCTION**
Food and Drinks also available at Ghelf's Mississippi Sports, located 6 miles away, just north of De Soto, WI

Sunday – Nov. 12th – More Fun & Learning via Field Trips, Compile Weekend Bird List, Grande Finale Presentations

- 7 AM** Special Early Bird Breakfast – Homemade Sourdough Pancakes, etc. United Methodist Church, 490 Center St.
- 8:00** **Field Trips** Vehicles will caravan and be led by top birders who will help visitors enjoy wildlife in each of 3 states
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- Noon** Lunch – Enjoy Lansing's Fine Restaurants, and Camaraderie with Your New Birding Friends
- 1:00** Compile Master Checklist of all Birds Seen during Festival. The composite list for 4 previous festivals is 114 species!!
Last year visitors saw 91 species during the festival. Can we see more than 100 different kinds of birds this weekend???
- 1:15** **Oaxaca, Mexico: How does an Exotic Tropical State Connect to the Mississippi River Valley?**
– Kim Risen, Professional Bird Guide for 23 years, leads adventures to exotic spots, publishes NatureScape News
- 2:00** **Live Bird Program – What Birds Have to Tell Us. Learn from a beautiful bird, and the man who knows it best**
– Mike Havlik, Head Naturalist, Greater Des Moines YMCA Camp, one of our most popular presenters ever
- 2:40** Bon Voyage & Safe Travels – Come Visit us in Other Seasons!! – Enjoy & Protect Wildlife and Habitats Everywhere!!